

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

I am writing to you regarding your reconsideration of the rules that require 'the Bells' to provide ISPs access to the public switched phone network. Removing these requirements would, in my opinion be a terrible mistake that could setback internet access competition several years.

My feelings on this matter would be different if the incumbent phone companies had been advancing the cause of the average user by providing more services in order to compete with the new entrants into the ISP field, but instead we have seen a lack of competition from the 'Bells', and a tendency to complain about being open and work toward legislation to remove restrictions. I believe that this shows a lack of regard for the continued improvement in Internet access by the 'Bells'.

I sincerely hope that you think very carefully about what you are considering. Consumers all across America are depending on you to make the right decision. The right decision is to maintain and grow the level of competition in the Internet marketplace. That goal is best met by protecting and nurturing competitive market conditions for the thousands of independent ISPs - not by handing even more market power to the monopolies who control our phone network.

Sincerely,

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